

## A REPUBLICAN SCHEME.

## A Fine Plan to Get Votes for a Republican Legislative Candidate.

The following letter from A. C. Rogers, the populist nominee for the council from the 9th district, to the Western Liberal, shows plainly that the nomination was made simply for the purpose of getting populist votes for the republican candidate. Rogers, after being nominated, withdraws and asks the populists to support the republican nominee. Here is the letter:

I notice today, for the first time, in the New Mexican, that at the populist convention held in Silver City on the 6th of the current month, that I was nominated as the populist candidate for the council from the 9th senatorial district.

The nomination was without my knowledge and consent, and I have never been officially notified of it. Until I read it this day in the paper, I was ignorant of any such convention having met at Silver City.

It is well known in my county that I have never wavered in my adhesion to the republican party, and that I have been, still am, and intend to remain, a supporter of Charles H. Sparks of Chaves county, the republican candidate for councilman from this, the 9th district.

It occurs to me that the populists have been the victims of a shrewd scheme, practiced upon them by sympathizers of the democratic candidate, who, fearing their candidate will be slaughtered in Grant and other counties in the district, have hoped that, by bringing about the nomination of a life-long republican at the populist hands, the strength of Mr. Sparks might be measurably weakened.

I am disposed to defend my populist friends against so unjust an imposition, and invite them to join the republicans in advancing the interest of our district and of the whole territory by the election of Charles H. Sparks.

Some time since Mr. R. P. Hart, of the Hart Brothers' Land and Cattle Co., came to the conclusion that there was not enough profit in the cattle business in southwestern New Mexico, and so concluded to close out the business of the company. Last Monday he made a contract with Major Tower, who represented himself and Mr. Geo. Casey, for the delivery of all the cattle owned by the company at Lordsburg, by the fifteenth of next October, though most of the cattle will be delivered within the next thirty days. The cattle will be shipped to the Bell ranch in San Miguel county. The Liberal is very sorry to see Mr. Hart close out his interest in this section of the country, for he has long been one of the prominent citizens of southern Grant county, and is a citizen that the county cannot well afford to lose.—Western Liberal.

With the expenditure of a small amount of money the city might have at least one fine street. Naturally Ninth street will become the thoroughfare to the new normal school and it ought to

be put in good condition. From Main street to the hill on which the normal school building is located there is an easy grade and with a little grading the street could be made the finest in town. This would add much to the appearance of that part of town and the planting of shade trees on either side of the street would make it in a few years one of the handsomest in New Mexico. Owners of property on that street would advance their interests by planting shade trees in front of their respective properties.

At the beginning of next year Grant county will have a large amount of unpaid bills for the payment of which there is not and has not been money in the treasury. For years the county commissioners of this county levied an amount for the current expenses of the county far in excess of the legal limit and when this practice was stopped the county treasury was speedily drained and there has not been any considerable amount of money in the current expense fund at any time within two years.

Fred Shelton's monkey-faced owl which was once sent to the territorial fair at Albuquerque and which was admired by so many people at the Cottage where the owl was kept for a long time, died last week. It was mounted by R. H. Speed and will be kept by Fred as a valuable ornithological specimen. Monkey-faced owls are rarely found, but this one was a fine specimen.

C. W. Wilkie and wife, of Mogollon, were here last week. Mr. Wilkie was a resident of this place for a number of years and is counted as one of the best millwrights in New Mexico. Since he has been in Mogollon he has been very successful and is now putting up one of the largest buildings in the camp.

The registration of voters is about completed for this county this year. While some of the precincts show a very material falling off in the number of voters registered, there are others where there is considerable increase over the registration of two years ago. Most of the county precincts have either held their own or show an increase, while some of the mining camps show a large decrease. The registration shows very conclusively that less attention is being paid to mining while stock raising and agricultural pursuits are getting more into favor.

The regular term of the district court for this district should have been held in Sierra county last week, but the lack of funds for court purposes prevented the holding of the regular term. Judge Fall was there, and District Attorney Bell of this city went over, but as there were no juries summoned there was nothing for the court to do and the term was adjourned.

Julius Wagner has made some needed repairs on the building occupied by J. B. Warren. Some time ago a section of plaster fell, breaking lamps and surprising the bartender, and it was decided to remove all the plaster from the ceiling and replace it with a metal ceiling.

William Walker has moved into the building next door to the shop he formerly occupied. He will share the building with L. Abraham who has occupied it as a barber shop.

Next Saturday will be the last day on which voters can register for the coming election. No person who is not registered can vote. See that you are registered if you want to vote.

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